

Amendments

In the Specification

Please add paragraph [0049]:

[0049] The present invention also encompasses a reagent comprising a fluid medium containing a first substrate having a first binding species attached thereto; and a second substrate having regions characterized by their ability to selectively bind said first binding species if dissociated from said first substrate and regions characterized by their ability to selectively bind first binding species associated with the first substrate. The second substrate binds a plurality of first binding species to a common second substrate and an aggregate is formed comprising the plurality of first substrate having first binding species attached thereto, cross-linked by the second substrate.

Objections

To the Specification:

The Examiner objected to the Specification as follows:

1. The Examiner objected to the specification as failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter of claim 14 stating "a second substrate having . . . regions capable of selectively binding first binding species associated with said first substrate. To overcome the objection Applicants have added the substance of originally filed claim 14 to the specification at new paragraph 49.
2. The Examiner further objected to the Specification for informalities. The Examiner believes that the recitation of "Level" and "Levels" is indefinite stating that it is not clear what "Level" is measured or the exact quantity or unit of measurement of the various "Levels".